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SUBJECT: ROC PRESIDENT YEN VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

- 1. PRESIDENT YEN BHIA-KAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ENDED A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO THE KINGDOM JULY 13. SAUDIS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO WELCOME THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION. SPECIAL NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS SHOWED KING AND PRESIDENT SIDE BY SIDE WHILE THE ACCOMPANYING TEXT PROCLAIMED SAUDI-ROC SOLIDARITY. WE HAVE RARELY SEEN THE SAUDIS HOST A VISITING DELEGATION WITH MORE ELABORATE CORDIALITY AND MASSIVE MEDIA ATTENTION. THE LENGTH OF THE VISIT IS ALSO UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR EXPERIENCE. THE VISIT ENDED WITH A STOP IN DHAHRAN WHERE THE PRESIDENT TOURED THE OIL INSTALLATIONS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO A SAUDI MFA PARTICIPANT, THE TALKS WENT WELL. ONLY POINT OF DISCORD WAS ROC ACQUISITION OF GABRIAL MISSILES FROM ISRAEL. REPORTEDLY ROC PROMISED TO AVOID FUTURE ARMS PURCHASES FROM ISRAEL. SUBJECT OF US-ROC RELATIONS ALSO CAME UP.
- 3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. (ASSUME TEXT AVAILABLE FBIS.) THE TWO SIDES AGREED IN GENERAL TO CONCONFIDENTIAL

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TINUE THEIR COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AREAS. NO FORMAL AGREEMENTS WERE INITIALED. KING KHALID ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE ROC AT A FUTURE UNSPECIFIED DATE.

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